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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12, 14 to 20, 22 and 24 to 27 remain in the application. Amendments were made to bring the application into allowance.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner indicated that claims 13 to 15 would be allowable if amended to contain the limitations of any base claims. As such, the subject matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 2 to 17 now depend directly or indirectly from the amended claim 1.

Claims 24 to 27 were indicated as being allowable.

35 USC 112

Claims 21 and 22 did not receive any prior art rejections. In particular, claims 21 and 22 were only rejected because the claim from which they depend, claim 18, received a rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The rejection under 35 USC 112 was due to the inclusion of the terms "first part" and "second part". Which had no antecedent basis. As such, claim 18 was amended to ensure that the terms contained therein were fully supported and the subject matter of claim 21 was incorporated into claim 18. It is believed that these relatively minor amendments render claim 18 and its dependent claims 19, 20 and 23 patentable. Permission is earnestly solicited to allow this claim amendment to proceed in order to bring these claims into allowance.

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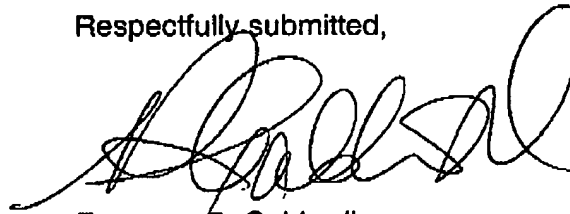
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Conclusions

Applicant submits that claims 1 to 12, 14 to 20, 22 and 24 to 27 are in a condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's agent by telephone should any outstanding items be noted by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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